Whispers
from the
Qur'an

"This is a Book which We have sent down to you, full of blessings...'
[38:29]

A gift of guidance...
for the heart and mind

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Dedication

This book is lovingly dedicated to the memory
of my dear parents,
whose love, guidance, and sacrifices continue
to inspire me every day.
May this work serve as a humble ongoing
charity (Sadaqah Jariyah) in their name.

May Allah have mercy on their souls and
grant them the highest place in Jannah.

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Introduction

Have you ever opened a book and felt it was speaking directly to you?

The Qur'an — Islam's holy book — is more than scripture. It's a conversation, a light, a reminder, a comfort. Above all, it connects the Creator to the human heart.

This small book is a humble attempt to share a glimpse of that connection.

Each page features a verse from the Qur'an, its English translation, a brief explanation, and a question for reflection.

I hope this bouquet of verses brings beauty to your heart, opens your mind, and — perhaps — begins a lifelong journey with the Qur'an.

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Know Him, Love Him

بِسۡمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحۡمَٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ

قُلۡ هُوَ ٱللَّهُ أَحَدٌ (1) ٱللَّهُ ٱلصَّمَدُ (2) لَمۡ يَلِدۡ وَلَمۡ يُولَدۡ (3) وَلَمۡ يَكُن لَّهُۥ كُفُوًا أَحَدُۢ (4)

📖 Say, “He is Allah, [who is] One, Allah, the Eternal Refuge. He neither begets nor is born, nor is there any equivalent to Him. (112:1–4)

🌿 This short chapter summarizes the essence of who Allah is. He is One, Eternal, Independent, and Unmatched.
(Saheeh International)

🤔 *"Does this description of God surprise you?"*

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"*He Is One*"

They asked me once,
“What do you mean by God?”
So I pointed—not up, but inward—
to the place where reason meets
longing.

He is not a father nor son,
not born of story or time.
He needs no throne,
no bloodline, no sculpture.

One. Whole. Indivisible.
Not a piece of the universe—
but the Source of it.
So close, He hears silence itself.

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ٱللَّهُ لَآ إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ٱلۡحَيُّ ٱلۡقَيُّومُ

📖 “Allah – there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence.” (2:255)

🌿 This verse shows God's power, independence, and eternal nature — He is not in need of anything, while all depend on Him. (Saheeh International)

🤔 *"What kind of strength and peace would it give you to rely on the One who never sleeps or dies ?"*

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"The One Who Never Sleeps"

They built gods in their image—
fragile, tired, fading with time.
But what if the true God
was never born,
and never rests?

He does not blink.
Not for fear of missing
a moment of your pain.

He holds the sky without pillars,
keeps hearts beating
without wires or touch.
And still — knows your name.

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هُوَ ٱللَّهُ ٱلَّذِى لَآ إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۖ عَٰلِمُ ٱلۡغَيۡبِ وَٱلشَّهَٰدَةِ

📖 “He is Allah, besides Whom there is no god, Knower of the unseen and the seen...” (59:22)

🌿 God is not only present — He is aware of the hidden and the visible. Nothing escapes His knowledge.

(Saheeh International)

🤔 *"What would change in your life if you remembered that God sees the unseen ?"*

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"Nothing Is Hidden"

She wore a smile
though her soul trembled quietly.
He said he was fine —
but his heart told a different story.

We hide.
From people, from pain,
even from ourselves.
But not from Him.

He sees the words
we almost said.
He knows the tears
we never let fall.

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ٱللَّهُ نُورُ ٱلسَّمَٰوَٰتِ وَٱلۡأَرۡضِ

📖 Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth. (24:35)

🌿 This verse speaks not just to His power, but His presence — felt in everything around and within us. (Saheeh International)

🤔 *"What does it mean to you that God is "light"?"*

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"The Light You Didn't Name"

You've felt it before—
in the hush between storms,
the warmth that enters without a door.

Not a candle,
not the sun,
but a clarity that doesn't cast shadows.

He is the Light.
Not something lit,
but the source of all vision,
inner and outer.

The reason hope survives.
Even when everything else dims.

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وَمَا خَلَقۡتُ ٱلۡجِنَّ وَٱلۡإِنسَ إِلَّا لِيَعۡبُدُونِ

📖 And I (Allah) created not the jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me. (51:56)

🌿 This verse answers the question many people ask: Why am I here? We were created to know and worship God. (Saheeh International)

🤔 *"What if your life had a clear, divine purpose all along?"*

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"Made for Meaning"

You weren't born to drift —
from the inbox to weekend,
from comfort to confusion.

You were made
for something larger
than fear, than appetite,
than applause.

Not to escape the world,
but to see through it.
To know the One
who placed purpose
beneath your breath.

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أَفَحَسِبۡتُمۡ أَنَّمَا خَلَقۡنَٰكُمۡ عَبَثٗا

📖 Did you think that We created you in play (without purpose)? (23:115)

🌿 This verse reminds us that life has a serious meaning beyond distractions. (Saheeh International)

🤔 *"Do you live each day as if your life has purpose?"*

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"Not by Accident"

You've felt it, haven't you?
That quiet ache that says
there must be more.

More than alarm clocks
and salaries.
More than scrolling,
then sleeping.

You are not a coincidence.
Not stardust without direction.
You were made
with care
and called
to meaning.

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إِنَّ سَعۡيَكُمۡ لَشَتَّىٰ

📖 Surely your efforts are diverse. (92:4)

🌿 Every person is on a path — but not all paths lead to truth. (Saheeh International)

🤔 *"What path are you really walking on?"*

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"Running in All Directions"

Every soul is moving.
Some chase noise,
others chase quietly.

Some build empires
from sand.
Others plant seeds
that grow in eternity.

Not all motion means pro-
gress.
Not all effort leads home.

You're not judged by your
pace,
but by the path
you chose to take.

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وَٱلَّذِينَ كَفَرُواْ يَتَمَتَّعُونَ... وَٱلنَّارُ مَثۡوٗى لَّهُمۡ

📖 Those who disbelieve enjoy themselves and eat as cattle eat. And the Fire will be their final home. (47:12)

🌿 Life without purpose may seem pleasant — but there is a greater calling. (Saheeh International)

🤔 *"Are you just existing... or living with meaning?"*

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"More Than Appetite"

You can live for the moment.
Feast, scroll, achieve, repeat.
The world says:
enjoy — that's all there is.

But cattle eat too.
And they never ask why.

You were made for more
than hunger and comfort.

The end is not
who had more fun.
It's who asked,
What was I made for?

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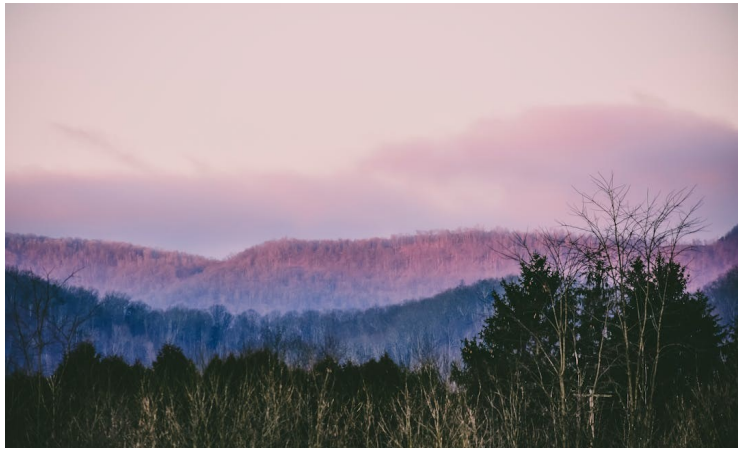
A Light in the Darkness

بِسۡمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحۡمَٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّ هَٰذَا ٱلۡقُرۡآنَ يَهۡدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقۡوَمُ

📖 Indeed, this Qur’an guides to that which is most just and right. (17:9)



🌿 The Qur’an is not just a book; it’s a light for the heart and a compass for life. (Saheeh International)

🤔 *“What kind of guidance are you searching for?”*

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"The Straight Path"

This Book—not ink on parchment,
but a compass for the lost,
pointing to the path unshaken,
where shadows bear no cost.

It speaks to scholars, seekers, skeptic,
in tongues of timeless light:
"Walk upright; let mercy lead you,
through chaos, through the night."

No crooked twist of fleeting wisdom,
no hollow, borrowed creed—
only that which lifts the soul
and plants the truest seed.

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نَزَلَ بِهِ ٱلرُّوحُ ٱلۡأَمِينُ . عَلَىٰ قَلۡبِكَ

📖 The Trustworthy Spirit has brought it down upon your heart. (26:193–194)

🌿 The Qur'an is divine — not man-made. It connects directly to the heart. . (Saheeh International)

🤔 *"What if this Book was sent... for your heart too?"*

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"The Trusted Spirit"

No thunderclap, no burning bush—
just whispers to the heart,
a trusted voice (not angel's wing)
that chose the poet's part.

Not carved on stone or king's decree,
but etched where light is sown:
"This truth is not for vaults of gold,
but for the seeking grown."

The weight of worlds in words so pure,
yet weightless as the air—
a gift that asks no priesthood's gate,
just courage to be bare.

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Whispers from the Qur’an

"Take a breath, dear reader.
The Quran was revealed in stages—like dawn breaking slowly.
Before you continue, ask yourself:
Which verse has echoed in your heart?
Let it resonate awhile."

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قَدۡ جَآءَكُم مِّنَ ٱللَّهِ نُورٞ وَكِتَٰبٞ مُّبِينٞ

📖 There has come to you from Allah a light and a clear Book. (5:15)

🌿 The Qur'an is described as "light" — it lifts darkness from the soul. (Saheeh International)

🤔 *"What darkness are you hoping to replace with light?"*

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"The Light and the Ledger"

Not myth nor metaphor—
a light that walks with you,
unfolding like a surgeon's lamp
over the wounds you knew.

And here, the Book: no dusty scroll,
but maps for where you stand—
each verse a streetlamp in the fog,
each law a guiding hand.

They call it revelation—
I say it's homecoming:
truth you've always known,
now named aloud,
in syllables of flame.

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وَكَذَٰلِكَ أَوۡحَيۡنَآ إِلَيۡكَ رُوحٗا مِّنۡ أَمۡرِنَا

📖 And thus We have revealed to you a Spirit from Our command. (42:52)

🌿 The Qur'an gave identity and meaning to a lost world — starting with one heart. (Saheeh International)

🤔 *"What if faith is something you receive, not just choose?"*

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"The Whisper and the Way"

No trumpet blast from mountain peaks,
no parchment scorched with fire -
just this: a breath inside your bones,
a thought you can't retire.

We call it revelation,
but it's older than the sea -
not law to chain the restless mind,
but eyes to help you see.

The same clear note that hummed
through Moses,
danced in Mary's palms -
now tunes your pulse to recognize
what is, and always was.

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Never Too Late

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ يَا عِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ ۚ

📖 Say: O My servants who have transgressed against themselves, do not despair of the mercy of Allah. (39:53)

🌿 God's mercy is greater than our mistakes.
(Saheeh International)

🤔 *"What if God still wants you — even now?"*

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"To Those Who've Strayed Too Far"

You who carry ledgers
of every wrong you've sown—
the One who made the stars
still calls you His own.

No sin's too heavy
when the scale is grace
no night so endless
it can hide His face.

Come as you are—
broken, ashamed, undone—
mercy waits at the door
and dawn has begun.

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Never Too Late

بِسۡمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحۡمَٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ

وَرَحۡمَتِي وَسِعَتۡ كُلَّ شَيۡءٖ

📖 My mercy encompasses all things. (7:156)

🌿 There's no place too dark for His mercy to reach. (Saheeh International)

🤔 *Have you counted yourself among "all things"?*

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"The All-Encompassing Embrace"

Not some ledger in the sky
keeping score of wounds you gave -
this mercy wraps the universe
yet fits inside your cave.

It floods through prison bars,
soaks the judge's robe,
licks at the edges
of your hardest "no".

Even now - yes now—
as you doubt these very words,
it circles like a patient tide
erasing all your "never"

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Never Too Late

بِسۡمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحۡمَٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ

يُبَدِّلُ ٱللَّهُ سَيِّـَٔاتِهِمۡ حَسَنَٰتٖ

📖 Allah will replace their bad deeds with good. (25:70)

🌿 God doesn't just forgive — He transforms.
(Saheeh International)

🤔 *"Would you take that offer?"*

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"The Alchemy of Mercy"

You who tally failures
like stones in your coat—
watch how the Gardener
turns each weight to wings.

What you named your undoing
becomes fertile ground,
what you burned as worthless
now crowns your head.

No ledger can contain
this mathematics of grace—
where subtraction becomes addition,
and every debt's erased.

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Never Too Late

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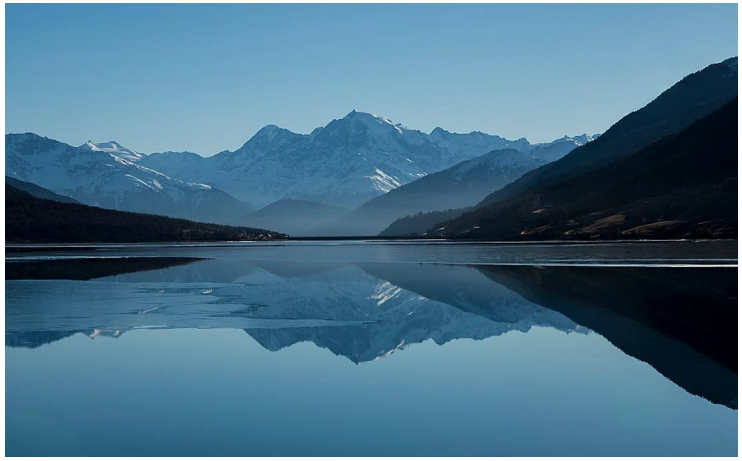
وَهُوَ ٱلۡغَفُورُ ٱلۡوَدُودُ

📖 He is the All-Forgiving, the Most Loving. (85:14)



🌿 Forgiveness is power. Love is close. God is both. (Saheeh International)

🤔 *"Have you allowed yourself to feel His love?"*

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"Love That Names You Whole"

Not the grudging pardon
of kings who keep accounts,
but the fierce forgiveness
that knows all your amounts -

and loves you still,
loves you through,
loves the hidden scars
your shame won't show.

Call it irrational,
call it too wide—
this mercy walks the desert
to find where you hide,
whispering your true name
in the voice of the tide.

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The Power of Forgiveness

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قَالَ لَا تَثْرِيبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْيَوْمَ ۖ يَغْفِرُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ ۖ وَهُوَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ

📖 No blame will there be upon you today. May Allah forgive you. (12:92)

🌿 The story of Prophet Yusuf shows that mercy is more powerful than revenge.

(Saheeh International)

🤔 *"Could you forgive someone who hurt you deeply?"*

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"Amnesty at Dawn"

That verdict you've been rehearsing
in the courtroom of your bones -
the Judge has torn the ledger
and left you bare, alone,

not as abandonment,
but as the ultimate reprieve:
"No condemnation today"
means you're free to leave

the prison you thought was justice,
the guilt that felt like home -
step into this unearned light,
the day has just begun.

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The Power of Forgiveness

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لَقَدۡ كَانَ فِي يُوسُفَ وَإِخۡوَتِهِۦٓ ءَايَٰتٞ لِّلسَّآئِلِينَ

📖 Indeed, in the story of Joseph and his brothers are signs for those who ask. (12:7)

🌿 Qur'anic stories are not for entertainment — they're for insight.

(Saheeh International)

🤔 *"What story do you keep returning to in your own life?"*

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"The Signs in the Story"

A favored coat torn in jealousy's grip,
a well's cold silence, chains on the ship -
every cruelty you catalogue
becomes a hidden pivot,

where what was meant to break him
schooled him instead in grace,
until the very brothers
who sold him away

stood hungry before his throne
and found - not vengeance—
but bread enough for all
and the key to their own chains.

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فَصَبۡرٞ جَمِيلٞۖ وَٱللَّهُ ٱلۡمُسۡتَعَانُ

📖 "So patience is most fitting, and Allah is the One sought for help." (12:18)

🌿 Qur'anic characters show real emotions — and real strength.

(Saheeh International)

🤔 *"Are you showing patience... or just silence?"*

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"Beautiful Patience"

Not clenched teeth counting seconds,
nor passive resignation—
this is patience that plants olive trees
while tasting starvation,

that looks at broken pottery
and sees the coming mosaic,
that trusts the weaver's pattern
when the thread appears chaotic.

Call it foolish hope -
until the roots break through,
and what you named surrender
becomes your strength anew.

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The Power of Forgiveness

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وَكُلًّا نَّقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ... مَا نُثَبِّتُ بِهِۦ فُؤَادَكَ

📖 We relate to you the stories... to make your heart firm.
(11:120)

🌿 Stories strengthen — they're divine therapy.
(Saheeh International)

🤔 *"Which story gives you courage when you feel weak?"*

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"Stories That Steady the Soul"

Not myths to decorate the past,
but ropes thrown across your chasm -
each tale of prophets stumbling
yet finding solid land,

each heart that doubted,
each wrong turn made right,
whispers to your shaking hands:
"Breathe. Hold on. The night

is just one verse
in an epic being told—
and every hero's shadows
prove the dawn is gold."

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Conclusion

You've just read a handful of verses from the Qur'an — carefully chosen, gently explained, and offered with love.

These verses are only a glimpse.

The Qur'an holds oceans of wisdom, comfort, and light waiting to be discovered.

If a line moved your heart, if a word sparked a question, or if a single verse made you pause and reflect — then this little book has done its job.

Keep reading. Keep wondering. And keep your heart open.

With peace and prayers,

–M. Gadelmawla
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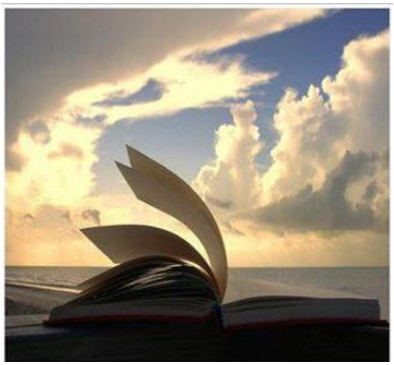

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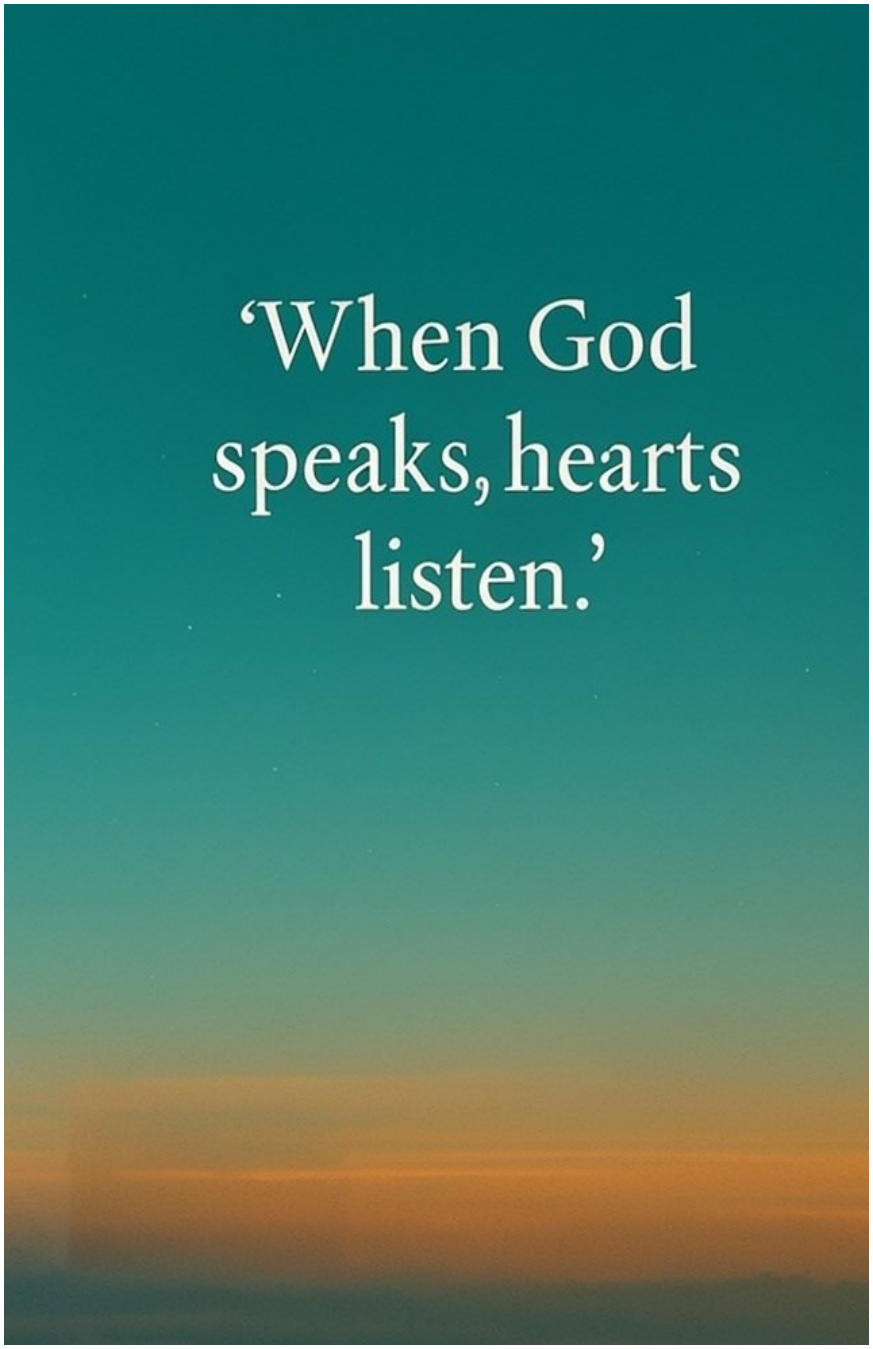

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